UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI EASTERN DIVISION

ROBERT BELL,)		
Petitioner,)		
)		
VS.)	Case No.	4:08CV1950 HEA
TROY STEELE,)		
Respondent.)		

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on petitioner's motion to proceed in forma pauperis.

Upon consideration of the financial affidavit, the Court has determined that petitioner is unable to afford to pay the filing fee. Consequently, the Court will grant the motion. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that petitioner's motion to proceed in forma pauperis is GRANTED.

Dated this 20th day of January, 2009.

HENRY EDWARD AUTREY UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE